

REMARKS

Claims 8-9, 11, 14, 38-40 and 51 are now pending in the application, and claims 1-7, 10, 12-13, 15-37, 41-50 and 52-53 have been cancelled. In response to a June 10, 2011 telephone call to Examiner Huong Nguyen by Applicant's attorney, Kevin Pumm, the Applicant submits this Amendment after the Decision on Appeal.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

After the Decision on appeal before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on May 31, 2011, claims 1-6, 8-17 and 52 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103 as being obvious.

The Applicants have cancelled all of the rejected claims referenced above except dependent claims 8-9, 11 and 14, which have been amended to depend from claim 38.

Applicants note that the Board of Patent Appeals reversed the rejection of claims 38-40, which Applicants believe to be allowable. Accordingly, the Applicants have amended dependent claims 8-9, 11 and 14 to now depend from independent claim 38. As such, the Applicants submit that claims 8-9, 11 and 14 are patentable for at least these reasons.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner

believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (314) 726-7500.

Respectfully submitted,

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